

New York, 25 Sept., 1862.

Dear Garrison,

113 There's still a slight contingency as to the time of starting for Vermont, but it is almost fixed that I shall leave here Wednesday evening, 3 way of the Sound. Fanny was here this morning, and thought she would go with me.

How do you feel about the Proclamation? Of course it is not all that justice requires, nor all that we could wish; but hope springs up in my heart that it will save us.

The Democrats are very bitter, and show a determination to fight, but I am confident that they will be overwhelmed - that the vast majority of the Northern people will sustain the President.

That it is possible to war ~~the~~ or drive the South back into the Union before the first of January, I do not believe, and I am sure Old Abe, having set his foot down, will not yield.

It remains to be seen whether the North will have the pluck to push the war through on this basis, and carry freedom from

the Potomac to the Gulf. My hope  
that she will is very strong.

I have a suggestion to  
make to you about Theodore  
Weld, which I will put on  
a separate sheet, that you may  
be able to use it by itself if  
necessary.

Yours, with exultation,

Oliver Johnson.

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